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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants submit the present *Amendment* in response to the Office Action mailed August 11, 2006. Amendments to the specification start at page 2 of this paper. Amendments to the claims start at page 3 of this paper. Applicants' remarks begin at page 10 of this paper.

It is not believed that an extension of time and/or additional fee(s) – including fees for net addition of claims – are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. In the event, however, that an extension of time is necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such an extension is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Any additional fees believed to be due in connection with this paper may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 09-0461.